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# S. 1217

To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary schools, and  
institutions of higher education.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

APRIL 25, 2007

Mrs. BOXER (for herself, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Mr. SALAZAR, Mr. SCHUMER,  
Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. DURBIN, and Mr. BROWN) introduced the following  
bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

To enhance the safety of elementary schools, secondary  
schools, and institutions of higher education.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “School Safety En-  
5       hancements Act of 2007”.

1 **TITLE I—ELEMENTARY AND SEC-**  
2 **ONDARY EDUCATION SAFETY**  
3 **ENHANCEMENTS**

4 **SEC. 101. GRANT PROGRAM FOR SCHOOL SECURITY.**

5 Section 2701 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
6 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797a) is amended—

7 (1) in subsection (b)—

8 (A) in paragraph (1), by inserting “surveil-  
9 lance equipment,” after “detectors,”;

10 (B) by striking paragraph (2) and insert-  
11 ing the following:

12 “(2) Establishment of hotlines or tiplines for  
13 the reporting of potentially dangerous students and  
14 situations.”;

15 (C) by redesignating paragraph (5) as  
16 paragraph (6); and

17 (D) by inserting after paragraph (4) the  
18 following:

19 “(5) Capital improvements to make school fa-  
20 cilities more secure.”;

21 (2) by striking subsection (d)(1) and inserting  
22 the following:

23 “(1) The Federal share of the costs of a pro-  
24 gram provided by a grant under subsection (a) shall  
25 be 80 percent of the total of such costs. The non-

1 Federal share of such costs shall be 20 percent of  
 2 such costs.”; and

3 (3) by adding at the end the following:

4 “(g) INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE.—Not later than 60  
 5 days after the date of enactment of the School Safety En-  
 6 hancements Act of 2007, the Director and the Secretary  
 7 of Education, or the designee of the Secretary, shall estab-  
 8 lish an interagency task force to develop and promulgate  
 9 a set of advisory school safety guidelines. The advisory  
 10 school safety guidelines shall be published in the Federal  
 11 Register by not later than June 1, 2008.”.

12 **SEC. 102. APPLICATIONS.**

13 Section 2702(a)(2) of the Omnibus Crime Control  
 14 and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797b(a)(2)) is  
 15 amended to read as follows:

16 “(2) be accompanied by a report, signed by the  
 17 chief education officer and the attorney general or  
 18 other chief legal officer of the State, unit of local  
 19 government, or Indian tribe, demonstrating that  
 20 each proposed use of the grant funds will be—

21 “(A) an effective means for improving the  
 22 safety of one or more schools;

23 “(B) consistent with a comprehensive ap-  
 24 proach to preventing school violence; and

1                   “(C) individualized to the needs of each  
 2                   school at which those improvements are to be  
 3                   made.”.

4 **SEC. 103. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

5           Section 2705 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe  
 6 Streets Act of 1968 (42 U.S.C. 3797e) is amended by  
 7 striking “\$30,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2001  
 8 through 2009” and inserting “\$50,000,000 for each of the  
 9 fiscal years 2008 and 2009”.

10 **TITLE II—HIGHER EDUCATION**  
 11 **SECURITY ENHANCEMENT**

12 **SEC. 201. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESS-**  
 13 **MENTS.**

14           Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (20  
 15 U.S.C. 1092) is amended by adding at the end the fol-  
 16 lowing:

17           “(h) CAMPUS SAFETY ASSESSMENT.—Each eligible  
 18 institution participating in any program under this title  
 19 shall conduct an annual campus safety assessment that  
 20 shall be prepared through consultation between the insti-  
 21 tution’s staff, including safety and security personnel, and  
 22 local law enforcement officials.”.

1 **SEC. 202. REQUIREMENT FOR CAMPUS EMERGENCY RE-**  
2 **SPONSE PLANS.**

3 Section 485 of the Higher Education Act of 1965,  
4 as amended in section 201 (20 U.S.C. 1092), is further  
5 amended by adding at the end the following:

6 “(i) **CAMPUS EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN.**—Each  
7 eligible institution participating in any program under this  
8 title shall develop and implement a campus emergency re-  
9 sponse plan to address a comprehensive set of emergency  
10 situations, including the following:

11 “(1) Natural disasters.

12 “(2) Law enforcement emergencies, such as  
13 bomb threats or active shooter situations.

14 “(3) Terrorist threats or attacks.”.

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